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State Legislature balks at student fee burden

By ERIC FERRERO HORNET POUTICAL EDITOR

In another bruising budget battle this summer, the state legislature raised final increase at 10 percent. fees at every public college in California by less than expected.

Iomia State University Trustees' plan years, instead raising the fees 10 per- will listen."

Assemblywoman Hilda Solis, D- California State Student As-La Puente, credits students who rallied sociation, called this year's against raising the fees for keeping the budget "a beginning," but

"Activism makes a difference," said increased the fees 37 percent Solis, who is the vice-chair of the As- if students had not vocally The Legislature rejected the Cali-sembly Higher Education Committee. opposed the increase. "The CSU students demonstrated that to raise fees 37 percent a year for three if you make enough noise legislators ways be balanced on the stu-

Nicole Launder, a lobbyist at the something needs to happen," Launder dents," Katz said, "There's only so

said legislators would have

"The budget cannot al-

never been targeted to be

Cindy Katz, a spokes-

dents' backs. People are realizing that been balanced on the backs of stu-

much money to go around, though."

Katz said that "discretionary" areas woman for Gov. Pete within the state's budget, such as health Wilson's higher education—care and higher education, are the first aide, said education has to be cut when there is a deficit.

"Nobody wins when you have to cut more than any other pro-increase CSU fees or limit funding for a school for the blind or restrict "The budget has never someone's kidney dialysis," Katz said. "This is not a victory for anybody."

According to Launder, however, education claimed a slight victory for the first time in several years with the 1993-94 budget.

"This is a very small victory in a large battle. We weathered the storm, but the real test will be next year and in the years to follow," she said.

Launder said education advocates,

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Phase 1 of Union expansion begins

By SUZANNE CURRY HORNET STAFF WRITER

The huge concrete tower blockapproach to the University Union is the first phase in a two-phase construction project to increase the University Union's size from its current 63,000 square feet to 95,000 square feet

Students used to wandering into the Coffee House find the doors closed and blocked with cement and boards and a sign that announces, Please pardon our dust,

by 1995.

but. The university is busy improving services for you."

Intramural sports and Recrebeen relocated during the construction to another part of the Union and the Coffee House is temporarily closed. The Homet's Nest and Union Station will extend their hours until the Coffee House re-

and proactive things the students of CSUS could do. We're not going to be in a recession forever,"said Associated Students Inc. President voted to expand the Union. Jun Kim.

bigger union would house more students and centralize student activities, and help create a more posipus," Kim said.

said CSUS only has less union space per student than other universities with 2.5 square feet the standard of national unions suggest 10 square feet per student. Hinde said despite the recent drops in student enrollment, the student population has grown considerably since the Union was completed in 1975, but the Union has not.

is there," said Hinde, "We're serving less students, but when the economy of California adjusts we'll be seeing a major increase in the numbers of stuing entrance to the Jed Smith Drive dents. There will be a 50 percent to 60 percent increase in the number of college age students by 2005," Hinde said.

In 1991, students voted to increase student fees in order to expand the

> Union. The results of the increased fees will be seen in Spring 1994. when, according to Hinde, Phase I of the expansion is complete. According to Hinde, the Phase I expansion will include a sidewalk cafe on the ground floor, a

student lounge on the second floor and a large meeting room on the 3rd floor.

Hinde said the expansion is being ation and Peak Adventures have done in two phases because, "One of the things we hear a lot from students is 'we'll never see it.' In an attempt to take advantage of low interest and construction rates we decided to start Phase I while we were planning Phase II."

According to associate Union director Rich Schiffers. Phase I costs, "This is one of the most positive totaling approximately \$1.3 million, will be partly paid by student fee increases. These increases were authorized by students in 1991 when they

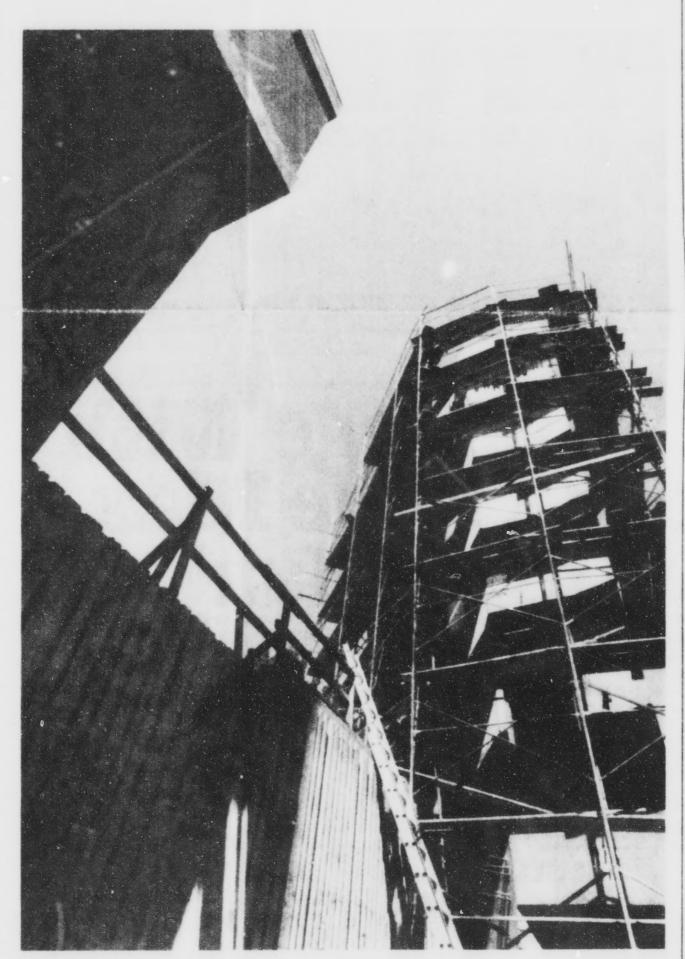
According to Schiffers, the referen-Kim said more meeting rooms dum authorized a \$46 fee increase to be are necessary for the campus. "A implemented in three steps. The first fee increase of \$18 hit student pocketbooks this semester.

Donna Brougher, manager of the tive emotional response to the cam- CSUS accounting department said \$38 of student fees goes toward activities at Union Director Donald Hinde the Union. Additional fee increases totaling \$28 next fall are anticipated to fund Phase II of the project.

State law mandates funds received of union space per student while by the CSU system from the State of California must be used for instructional purposes only. Other services students require on campus such as food services and bookstores must be funded by other sources.

According to Hinde, the buildings and land the Union occupies are owned "We know that the population by California State University.

BUILD IT, AND THEY WILL COME...



When Phase I is completed, the University Union expansion project will include sidewalk dining and meeting rooms. Phase II will be completed by 1995, Increasing the Union's size by 50 percent.

Koester appointed interim vice president of Academic Affairs

By KRISTINE SIMPSON HORNET NEWS EDITOR

Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Jolene Koester has been appointed interim vice president following Mary Burger's resignation this demic Affairs took under Burger.

sible for academic programs, faculty, institutional research, some student support services and academic supportunits services.

Koester will also be responsible for grams according to their scope and academic policies and procedures, program evaluation and development of new courses and curricula.

Koester said she does not plan on drastically changing the direction Aca-

"Certainly I am a different person As interim, Koester will be respon- than Mary, but the general course of Academic Affairs will remain the same," Koester said.

As interim vice president, Koester such as libraries, educational equity, will be heavily involved in completing outreach and recruitment and retention the University Academic Plan, a "working tool" that prioritizes academic pro-



activity on the plan with additional consulting from the departsaid.

"There will be

Jolene Koester is not intended as a budgeting device, annual state budget cuts have

seven years as Sacramento State's vice ments and proposals," Koester president of Academic Affairs, to accept a position as vice chancellor for While the plan Academic Affairs of Pennsylvania's State System for Higher Education.

"Dr. Mary Burger brings a wealth of leadership experience and an excelbrought weight to the document. Last lent understanding of public higher

committee that organized the plan.

Koester received her B.A. and Ph.D.

year, Koester was in charge of the education to Pennsylvania's stateowned university system," said James McCormick, vice chancellor of from the University of Minnesota and Pennsylvania's state system. "Dr. her M.A. from the University of Wis-Burger's professional positions have prepared her well for the challenge of Burger resigned this summer after continuing to strengthen the academic quality of the system's universities and to engage in new initiatives on behalf of Pennsylvania.'

Burger will be responsible for development and administration of edu-

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Alby voted to replace **B.T. Collins**

CSUS prof. defeated

By ERIC FERRERO HORNET POLITICAL EDITOR

Newly-elected Assemblywoman Barbara Alby, R-Sacramento, credits Sacramento State's College Republicans and other youth groups for her victory over university professor Joan

Alby, who twice lost to B.T. Collins in Republican primaries for the 5th District Assembly seat, ran for the seat a third time when Collins died in office

"The campaign is over, but now the work really begins," said Alby, who has been plagued by campaign-finance questions since she joined 16 other people who ran in primaries last May.

"I couldn't tell you everybody who gave me money for the campaign. There is a list of over 500 people," Alby said.

Alby did not to disclose the exact amount of money she received and where the bulk of it came from. The Secretary of State's office, which handles all campaign finance statements, has not yet compiled its final report for that election.

According to Alby, any donations she received were not asking for her vote once she was sworn in, and her voting record and campaign ledger are "completely separate.

"You could go through every member in the Legislature, and you would find those accusations," Alby said. "My understanding is that any donations that came they way are mine because people care about the issues that I care about."

Throughout her campaign against Barry, Alby ran as an ordinary citizen, as a an anti-tax, pro-business woman. According to Alby, that makes her accountable only to the people in her district work it out.

"The fact that I ran on good old American Reagan-type politics attracted a lot of people to me," Alby said. "Electing me is like electing yourself because I am beholden to nobody except my constituents."

Right now, Alby is focusing on the Legislature's next session later this year because the current session ends in about two weeks.

One goal of Alby's is a "zero-based budget," which would not allow for a deficit in the state budget.

"I want to stop the government from taking one more dime from its people."

During the Legislature's break between sessions, though, Alby plans to savor an overdue victory for the seat she will occupy for another year.

"I have 400 volunteers who have been with me through two losses, and for the first time they were crying tears of joy on election night, instead of tears of frustration and sadness," Alby said.

Although the seat will be up for relocation in 1994, Alby said she does not plan to campaign for the seat early.

ASI and students win in RT contract negotiation RT receives the same contract from ASI for services

"You can't get blood

— Sam Frentzel-Beyme

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Students can continue unlimited access to rides on Regional Transit for the same price paid last year thanks to the contract agreed upon by Associated Students Inc. and R.T. this summer.

"The contract is signed and is in their services, effect from July 1, 1993 until June 30, 1994," said Sam Frentzel-Beyme, associate vice president of finance for

Last spring, R.T. wanted an increase cided to take a hard negotiating stance deal because there are less students on the light rail and bus systems for two a \$2 to \$3 increase in student fees.

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study they conducted found that out of receiving.

about 23,000 students enrolled at Sacramento State, 1,417 were using which was more students than they

had expected. But, ASI de-

of \$50,000 — from \$250,000 to and not to give R.T. the additional \$300,000—for student unlimited rides \$50,000, which would have resulted in

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cide whether they wanted the service at R.T. wanted more money because a all for the same deal they had been

> "You can't get blood from a stone," Frentzel-Beyme said.

Frentzel-Beyme. due to declining enrollment, R.T. is getting a good

Frentzel-Beyme said the current \$250,000 contract is also a good deal

Instead, ASI asked students to de- for students because R.T. encompasses such a great area of Sacramento. "It's environmentally a plus too,"

> If the students had rejected the R.T. agreement, the university would have possibly expanded the Hornet Shuttle with another van to reach more stu-According to dents living off campus who were in need of transportation.

> > Koester...

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Mary Burger

cational policies such as academic program development, approval and review; research and planning; faculty professional development; and student affairs programs.

"Pennsylvania's State System has earned a national reputation for being an efficient and effective higher education system," Burger said."I look forward to working with the chief university academic officers and the faculty to develop a relationship which serves to improve the teaching and learning environment throughout the system."

Recycling Center makes transition to CSUS control

By STEVE HILL

HORNET STAFF WRITER

Control of the University Recycling Center, which serves campus and community recycling needs was assumed by Sacramento State Facilities Management July 1 because of Associated Students Inc.'s April 20 decision to cease funding to the center.

The ASI budget had "We were doing originally slated \$30,000 for the Facilities center during Management's job." the 1992-93 school year down from the

\$50,000 allocated last year. The funds were redi- was whether the estimated 13 tons rected by ASI to other student programs, especially the Activities Finance Council, which issues grants to student groups for student programs, projects and activities.

ASI Executive Vice President John Murray said this was a positive move for ASI.

"This way the money directly benefits students," Murray said. "With the Recycling Center, there was some question about that. We were doing Facilities Management's

Assistant Vice President of Facilities Management Howard Harris before.' said the center is operating very much the same way now as when ASI was if the center will be more profitable overseeing the project.

Harris, are the elimination of Cali-payouts and reduction of the staff fornia Redemption payouts and the should help.

reduction of the staff from three student assistants to one.

"The redemption creates an additional workload such as bookkeeping and security," Harris said.

Harris said the lack of payouts did not seem to affect community use of the center. "A lot of people are still dropping stuff off." he said Both changes are helping to cut

operating costs at the center, Harris said.

One of the major concerns when ASI voted to discontinue the funding

of paper-waste generated monthly by the campus would continue to be picked up and recycled.

- John Murray

The paper-waste generated by the campus is currently being picked up by the Sacramento Local Job Corps., according to Harris.

The lob Corps picks up the paper at their expense and does not use the Recycling Center to dispose of it. Because the Corps. gets outside funding, they can afford to do it.

"The paper collection had to be subsidized," Harris said, "It never made money the way it was run

Harris said it is "too early to tell" under the university' direction, The only changes, according to though the lack of redemption

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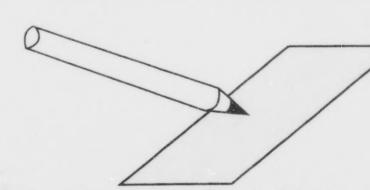
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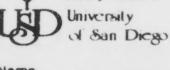
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Budget: State Legislature rejects CSU Board of Trustees' proposed tuition increase

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including CSSA, will now focus on and lets students get their classes a lot said students are still not a priority in them a priority." overseeing how the unexpected \$50 million that was restored to the CSU budget will be spent.

"We want to see that money protect and at the University of California, Torres said, "We all need to work harder a stating," according to California Comquicker," she said.

Although fees also went up less

the budget.

faculty positions, which protects classes state Sen. Art Torres, D-Los Angeles, in the interests of students and to make munity. College spokes woman Ann subsidizing poor students to attend col-

After community college fees raised "Higher education took a devastat- from \$10 to \$13 per unit last spring, Reid.

"Our students did a wonderful job will be able to provide the status quo. although the status quo is not necessarily satisfactory."

According to Reid, class sizes at are still being canceled because of lower enrollment.

"Community colleges faired very eight percent cutback, which would balance the budget fairly. have been devastating," Reid said.

Community colleges will share an additional \$56 million in financial aid with UC and CSUs. The average CSU scholarship will raise from \$900 to \$1,500, Launder said.

Still, Launder said, more students are dropping out of college because they cannot afford fees and tuition. The state's 25-

year old Master difference.... if you Plan for Higher Education, which make enough noise, guarantees quality education to all students at a low cost. listen." projected 37,000 more CSU students this fall than will ac-

tually be attending classes.

shortfall may be the result of increasing single year."

"Activism makes a

legislators will

"The Master Plan is getting more lobbying this year," Reid said, "We and more difficult to follow," Katz said. "Right now, California taxpayers subsidize about 79 percent of each student's total cost of education."

"To ask taxpayers to subsidize 85 or community colleges have swelled to 90 percent of someone's education is an average of 31 students, and classes definitely a lot, but we have to look at new ways to offer low-cost education to the poor," she said.

Reid said education will not be a well, though, with less than a one per- budget priority until "partisan bickercent cutback when we had expected an ing" is replaced with a serious effort to

Last year, Wilson and the state leg-

islature took a record 64 days beyond the July 1 deadline to hammer out an agreeable budget.

With hours to spare during a marathon session this year. though, lawmakers faced the task of closing an \$11 billion bud-

get gap. Welfare. education and criminal justice were all cut to bring the budget to its final \$52.1 billion.

"It's not over yet," Launder said. "Your fees

will never go down, but higher educa-Katz admitted that the enrollment tion cannot sustain cuts like this every

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Barry bounces back after bitter campaign battle

By ERIC FERRERO HORNET POLITICAL EDITOR

Joan Barry is a woman at a cross-

This summer, the 55-year-old Sac-

lost a bitter fight for the 5th District mento County. Assembly seat once held by B.T. Collins-her fourth campaign for the seat in 18 months.

year, Barry is completing her first novel. writing a textbook and considering running for political office yet again.

"I am not personally devastated because Host this election," Barry said. "I have expanded as a person. You enrich yourself. That's just how life is."

Disappointed by her loss, Barry said the past two years. she is not sure whether she is ready to run for the seat next year.

and the lows, make it the most wonderful and awful experience," she said. "People are asking me to run again, but I don't know if I could put my family reports will not be filed for a couple of through that again."

Andeven as Barry stares blankly into a cup of black coffee and thinks of writing books and sleeping in late, she remembers walking precincts for 10 from my last election against B.T. hours in 100-degree heat and crying on Collins, and I would not take a perelection night-and misses it.

"We really had fun. It's exciting to said. "I wouldn't trade that for the has been forced to deal with, world."

for the Assembly seat, which was eventually won by B.T. Collins. When Collins died of a heart attack last spring. 17 people clamored to fill his seat in what Barry called an "exhausting" primary race in May.

Barry's Republican rival, Barbara Alby, had lost two previous primaries to Collins herself and beat Barry to represent the 5th Assembly District, ramento State social work professor which covers most of northern Sacra-

When Joan Barry talks about her volunteers, though, her emotions run high. A full month after her defeat in With the seat up for re-election next the special election, Barry has had time to put her loss into perspective.

> I lost the race, but those volunteers and the people they represent lost a lot more," she said. "We had a real shot at it, and we should have won."

Barry credits her 1,000 volunteers for keeping her campaign afloat over

The hardest part about losing was telling the people around me who had "The emotional energy, the highs been there through the long haul that we did our best, but that just wasn't enough," she said.

> Although final campaign finance months, Barry said she spent only

> 'I couldn't afford a campaign manager," she said. "I had a \$7,000 debt sonal debt this time. There is a limit."

According to Barry, losing is also meet such wonderful people," Barry an important part of politics that she

If you run for political office, you Two years ago, Barry began her bid have got to be able to lose," she said. "It just comes with the territory."

For now, Joan Barry says she is content as a grandmother and profes-

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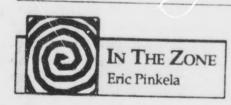
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Some have called it simply a game. Some refer to as a form of entertainment

Some think of it as a business. I have always thought of it as a tradition.

Baseball is not something that is inherited; it is taught and it is learned. From coaches to players, from players to other players and most importantly, from parents to their children.

Everybody is familiar with the Norman Rockwellesque picture of a young boy playing an uncoordinated game of catch with a father who is beaming with pride

But, unfortunately, good teachings are not the only teachings. Children learn at a phenomenal rate, absorbing influences at a dizzying pace, unable to distinguish, for the most part, the good from bad.

I recently had the opportunity to watch a parent teach his young son about traditions.

After immersing myself in a day at Candlestick Park and baseball tradition, with my 10-year-old nephew, I made my way out of stands with a true of feeling of simple happiness, and probably more than a bit of naiveté.

As we approached a souvenir stand, my idealistic feelings came to an abrupt halt with the sound of a shirt being torn off its display.

I looked to my right to see a man in

The word "tradition" bounced around my head like a lopsided lump of silly putty.

his mid-30s staring at me with a halfstolen shirt in his right hand.

"What am I doing?" he asked me rhetorically.

I responded with a simple, "I don't

He then looked down at his young son and said, "You like this shirt? Too bad because this guy (gesturing spitefully in my direction) is going to snitch

At this point the word "tradition" bounced around my head like a lopsided lump of silly putty. My only outward reaction was, "Do whatever coming according to its new interim makes you happy."

Despite passing thoughts of heroics I decided to avoid the situation; whether it was out of fear or shame, I'll never know.

He then walked in front of me and showed me his prize, a \$12 shirt.

It only took that much for him to teach his son the real meaning of tradition. By telling his son that self-fulfillment is the only reward necessary, or

even possible. Somehow by involving his son, and by making an unsuspecting spectator the target of his attacks, this man did more to perpetuate his way of thinking than 10 murderers or 10 robbers. He left an indelible mark and started a chain that he won't be able to, and sadly won't feel a need to, stop.

There were probably thousands of children at that game that went home dreaming of playing second base in the big leagues or of being the first woman player in major league baseball or of one day teaching their own children how to play the game.

But I can't help wondering what that boy who's father stole that shirt left dreaming about.

Does he dream about a dad he idolizes? Does he dream about one day taking his kid to a game and stealing a

There were many kids there who left with an idea of tradition in baseball or even in their own family, but there was one kid there who left with a \$12 Tshirt, and nothing else.

Football prepared to take the snap in first Division I season

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If the Hornet football squad had to pick one word to describe the upcoming 1993 season, it would probably be "changes."

The Hornets begin the campaign with a new head coach, they join a newly-formed conference, move up to Division I-AA status, welcome a host of new players, and introduce a new logo on their playing helmets.

In his tenth year on the Sacramento State coaching staff, Mike Clemons makes his collegiate head coaching debut with the Homets this Saturday at 6 p.m. against Cal State Hayward at Hornet Stadium.

Clemens previously spent nine years coaching on the defensive side, with eight of those years as defensive coordinator. However, he downplayed the effect that would have on how he would coach the team as a whole.

"I was an offensive coordinator for six years," he said. "Hike being on both sides of the ball. We'll be balanced on

Clemons was head football coach at Benicia High School from 1976-1978, and offensive coordinator at Chico State from 1979-1983.

Although there aren't significant changes in the opponents that the Hornets are scheduled to duel with, they do join former Western Football Conference foes Cal State Northridge, Southem Utah and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo as well as long-time Causeway Classic rival UC Davis to form the brand new American West Conference. Northridge and Southern Utah are the only established Division I-AA programs, while Cal Poly will begin Diviremain at the Division II level.

are another story. After debuting at the Division I-AA level against two Diviand San Francisco State), the Hornets' schedule will include Division I foe University of the Pacific, as well as 1992 Big Sky Conference co-cham-



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Senior quarterback Aaron Garcia tunes up for his start in Sacramento State's season opener this Saturday against Cal State Hayward.

pion Eastern Washington and the University of Montana, who is a favorite to win the Big Sky this year, according to of the past 10 seasons. a preseason coaches poll.

The Hornets have been picked to tie sion I play in 1994 and Davis will for third in the AWC coaches preseason poll. However, polls don't con-However, non-conference games cern Clemons, especially before the season has started.

"Polls don't mean a thing to me," he sion II opponents (Cal State Hayward said. "Most of (the coaches that vote) haven't even seen me coach or seen the team play."

The Hornets finished in a tie for second in the WFC last season with a 7-

3 overall record. Sacramento State has finished with a winning record in seven

If the Hornets want to continue their winning tradition, they will have to makeup for a lot of key losses, particularly on the defensive side. The Hor-

nets lost seven starters on defense, including standout lineman Jon Kirksey, who was drafted by the New Orleans Saints following graduation.

The good news for the Hornets is that four starters will be returning, led by 6'2", 270 pound senior defensive lineman Cory Baugh. Baugh returns after recording 34 tackles in six starts with the Hornets in 1992.

Senior Pete Tuiasosopo (6°1", 280), who was academically ineligible last season, returns after a successful 1991 season and is expected to anchor the front line.

According to Clemons, the newcomer to watch on defense will be senior lineman Sam Fa' aita (6'2", 290), who transferred from the University of Houston. Fa' aita started nine games for the Cougars in 1991, but academic problems kept him out of action last

"He brings us experience from a major level," Clemons said. "He's a very physical player."

Although Clemons expects the whole front seven to put pressure on the opposing quarterback and an 11-man effort in stopping the run, the leader of the defense will be senior free safety Lee Petit-Phar, who will be filling the shoes of WFC Player of the Year Rod McMasters, who graduated.

"He's our leader on defense." Clemons said of Petit-Phar. "We have a veteran crew of defensive backs, but they need to be tested."

Offensively, the only question mark would be with the linemen. The Hornets lost two starters on an offensive line that struggled last season. Expected to lead the line will be senior right guard Dan Berringer, who started six games last season and missed three due

Although the line has another year downs in 10 games last year.

of experience under its collective belt, it is still young and unproven.

"There's a lot of youth (on the offensive line), so we'll have to see how they do." Clemons said.

For the past five years, the Hornets began their season with a quarterback controversy. However, that also changed this season.

After learning this summer that he has an additional semester of eligibility, senior Aaron Garcia has the quarterback job nailed down.

Garcia shared duties with Bobby Fresques last season, but this season there is no doubt who will lead the huddles this Saturday night against the

"I don't hold any secrets," Clemons said. "Garcia's the number one guy at quarterback, that's just how I operate.

Appearing in six games last season, including one as a starter, Garcia completed 41 of 73 passes for 672 yards, while throwing six touchdowns and two interceptions.

Garcia should have plenty of weapons to turn to on offense as the Hornets appear to be stacked at the receiver and backfield positions.

Although CSUS lost standout wide receiver Clint Primm to academic ineligibility, they do have three key returners in Eric Harrington, Greg Ochoa and Michael Parker. The threesome combined for 81 catches for 1,301 yards.

In the backfield, Jai Thompson will miss at least half the season after receiving 50 stitches in one of his knees following a car accident.

However, last season's leading ground gainer Pedro Lewis leads a deep core of backs. The junior tailback led the team in rushing with 858 yards on 198 carries, good for 4.3 yards a carry. Lewis also scored nine touch-

Women's soccer slated for Division I status in 1994

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In an attempt to bolster Division I athletics at Sacramento State, women's soccer was added on an interim basis to the list of sports that fall under official university sponsorship.

A move that has been a long time coach, Anna Thrasher.

"This is long overdue," she said. Formally a club sport, meaning that it was funded and organized by the players, the team will play with only minor changes this season, such as some funding from the university.

Even though the changes are minor this season the intention is to make women's soccer a full-fledged Division I program in 1994.

"We're starting from scratch," Thrasher said. "This is really a building

The decision to try women's soccer up at the Division I level was made official over the summer, too late for it to make the jump for the upcoming

"There just wasn't enough to prepare," Thrasher, a forward on the 1984 and 1985 CSUS women's soccer club teams, said. "By April or May, when (the move to Div.I) was decided, it was too late to aquire any talent from high schools. Most everybody has decided

where they are going to school by then. "We decided to move slowly instead of rushing into (Div. I)," she added. "The support and committment ment.

were too low at that point." Thrasher said that the team will serve more purposes than just bringing another sport to the campus, the most important of which is keeping local talent here in Sacramento.

"This is a good opportunity for women in the Sacramento area to be in a good Division I program without

having to leave the area," she said. "We have been losing a lot of talent from high schools because players don't want to 'drop down' to a club sport."

As a coach for the past four years at Elk Grove high school and at Consumnes River College for the past two, Thrasher has seen a lot of good talent leave the area.

"Sacramento needs a good Division I program to keep the good players here, she said."

Although the club does not officially make the move until next season, Thrasher feels that the team needs to be coached like it is already there.

"I plan to run this team like a Division I team," she said. "We have practice five days a week because we want to raise the skill level of the team."

Two players in particular that Thrasher feels have shown the skill and committment levels needed are centermidfielder Jeanette Plumley and

sweeper Joslyn Erickson. "They both have two year's experience and are more skilled," she said. "Plus they have also put a lot of effort into keeping (women's soccerat CSUS)

Thrasher also sees the addition of the women's team as a move in the right direction for gender equity.

"There aren't a lot of role models out there for women," she said. "This should help that situation."

For this season the team will officially be a sub-varsity sport and will be administrated by the athletic depart-

Their schedule includes only seven matches, four of which are at home. All games are considered exhibition. It also includes two Division I teams,

University of San Francisco. The team's first matchup is tomorrow against Brigham Young University at 4 p.m. at the Hornet soccer fields.

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